Be Prepared!

Here is a list of things that everyone needs to have on hand in case of an emergency.



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Important Emergency Planning Guidelines from Lifespan and R.S.V.P





What to Do After a Disaster Strikes

- □ Check for damage at home
- □ Check for household hazards including fires
- □ Check on the neighbors get help for seriously injured people
- □ Connect with your out-of-town contact; limit other calls unless life threatening situation arises
- \Box Avoid downed power lines
- □ Monitor broadcasts for sources of disaster relief assistance

If Power Is Lost

- □ Contact your local power company immediately
- □ Turn off all major appliances
- □ Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed
- Use portable generators cautiously

If Instructed to Leave Home

- Listen for alerts from county or state agencies to find out where to go
- □ Look for the best exit. If the way is blocked, look for an alternate route such as windows, stairs, ramps
- \Box Gather only the essentials if there is time
- □ Make sure someone (family, neighbor, caregiver) knows IN ADVANCE if you will need help/physical assistance in the event of an emergency evacuation or other emergency.

If You Have a Pet or Service Animal

- \Box Take your pets with you
- Service animals are permitted in emergency public shelters
- □ Make sure you have the proper identification and equipment with you
- □ Check with county emergency manager to find out about pet friendly shelter plan

Other things you might need – *depending on your situation*

- 🗆 Oxygen
- □ List of medications including dosages
- Doctor and Pharmacists contact information
- □ List of allergies
- Bottled water and/or kettle to boil water to have safe, clean drinking water



 $\hfill\square$ Extra wheelchair batteries

My Checklist

MY NAME

DESIGNATED MEETING PLACE If I leave home, my emergency contacts will look for me here:

"OUT-OF-TOWN" CONTACT to notify of my whereabouts:

TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

NAME & TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR PEOPLE NEAR ME:

FAMILY

NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

CAREGIVERS

NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

WORK

NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

PROFESSIONAL CONTACT OR AGENCY AFFILIATION:

NAME

TELEPHONE NUMBER

OTHER PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS

□ Verbal □ Nonverbal

I NEED HELP WITH (Examples, reading emergency signs; following audible alarms; accessing mobility aids or ramps or other special needs):